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SUBJECT: EMBASSY INFORMS GROC OF PROVISIONS OF NEW SECURITY
ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

REF: A) STATE 231122, B) STATE 231123

1. EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON MOFA DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS WANG MENG-HSIEN SEPTEMBER 25, AND GAVE HIM DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION IN ACCORD WITH GUIDANCE REFTELS. POLCOUNS REVIEWED PERTINENT PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 301 AND 302 PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH AND LEFT COPIES BOTH SECTIONS IN ENTIRETY AS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER.

2. WANG EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE 1976 LEGISLATION AND WISHED TO ASSURE POLCOUNS THAT MOFA WOULD TAKE NOTE OF IT AND INFORM THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT. HE HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE GENERAL COMMENTS TO MAKE; HOWEVER, IN THE COURSE OF REVIEWING HUMAN RIGHTS SECTION WANG SAID HE COULD FORESEE THAT SOME QUESTIONS MIGHT ARISE WITH RESPECT TO INTERPRETATION
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AND DEFINITIONS OF RIGHTS. HE ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WAS THE KIND OF INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION INTENDED UNDER SECTION (B)(1) AND (2). THE POLCOUNS STATED HE WAS STRONGLY PERSUADED BY THE LANGUAGE AND CONTEXT OF SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2) THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WAS INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED.

3. WHILE DISCUSSING SECTION 302 DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS IN DETAIL, WANG OBSERVED INFORMALLY THAT THE GROC WOULD HAVE QUOTE NO PROBLEM WITH THEM UNQUOTE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 11 OF REF B, EMBASSY HAS CONDUCTED A THOROUGH REVIEW WITH MISSION PERSONNEL OF POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF THE DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS TO THE CURRENT MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. IT HAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO EVIDENCE OF GROC DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN ANY ASPECT OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON THE BASIS OF RACE, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR SEX. THIS INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

A) EXAMINATION AND REVIEW WITH MAAG, DAO, AND CONSULAR OFFICERS OF ALL PERTINENT MILITARY ACTIVITY INCLUDING TRAINING PROGRAMS, ALL CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIPS, TREATMENT OF APPLICABLE AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN ROC COURT SYSTEMS, ETC., TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY DISCRIMINATORY OR EXCLUSIONARY POLICIES OR PRACTICES EXIST.

B) REVIEW OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND PERFORMANCES OF PRESENT AND PAST MAAG PERSONNEL, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: NATURALIZED AND NATIVE-BORN CITIZENS OF CHINESE AND OTHER ASIAN DESCENT, BLACK AMERICANS, AND WOMEN.
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